

to clean up the country's largest nuclear waste site.

Mr. Speaker, I urge my colleagues to join me in thanking the Cold War patriots at Hanford for their important contributions to our country.

COMMENDING ATLANTIC CITY HIGH SCHOOL TRACK AND FIELD TEAM

(Mr. VAN DREW asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. VAN DREW. Mr. Speaker, the Atlantic City High School track and field team is comprised of some incredibly driven athletes.

Claudine Smith and Isaiah Whaley, both graduating seniors, were especially impressive contributors to their team's success.

During her time on the team, Claudine won three State, seven south Jersey, six Cape-Atlantic League, and six Atlantic County championships. It is unbelievable. With these accomplishments closing out her high school career, it is no wonder she was named the Press Girls Outdoor Track and Field Athlete of the Year.

Isaiah, too, surpassed many records during his time. He broke his school's 26-year-old record in the 400-meter dash and ranked number five in the State of New Jersey for the event.

These students are incredibly talented, and their head coaches, Roy Wesley, Jr., and Jonathan P. Parker, undoubtedly helped them develop and grow in their sport.

To all the members of the Atlantic County track and field team, we are immensely proud of your hard work and determination, and we can't wait to see what you all achieve in the future.

We are proud of you in Atlantic County. We are proud of you in south Jersey. We are proud of you in New Jersey. And we are proud of you in the United States of America.

FINANCIAL SERVICES ARBITRATION IS BETTER FOR CONSUMERS

(Mr. BARR asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. BARR. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to explain my opposition and vote against the bill that was on the floor earlier today, H.R. 1423, the Forced Arbitration Injustice Repeal Act. I would like to highlight its negative impact on financial services.

Financial services providers and their customers use arbitration to settle disputes because it is easier, faster, and less costly for consumers than litigation. Forcing parties into litigation would dramatically extend the time before a customer is made whole and would significantly increase legal fees for all parties.

These increased costs are ultimately passed along to consumers through higher fees and fewer options, and they would negatively impact any American who has a bank account, credit card, or retirement plan. We have had that debate before.

Dodd-Frank directed that the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau promulgate a rule on mandatory arbitration. While Congress overturned that rule in 2017 because it would adversely impact consumers, the Obama administration's own study found that the average consumer receives approximately \$5,400 through arbitration and only \$32 through a class action lawsuit. That means the average customer who prevailed in arbitration received 166 times more than the average class member in class action settlements.

Mr. Speaker, my time has expired, but I would urge opposition to this wrongheaded idea in the United States Senate.

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RECOGNIZING BURMA BEAL'S 100TH BIRTHDAY

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under the Speaker's announced policy of January 3, 2019, the gentleman from Texas (Mr. FLORES) is recognized for 60 minutes as the designee of the minority leader.

Mr. FLORES. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Burma Beal of Bryan, Texas, who turned 100 years old on September 15, 2019.

Burma Faye Ellis Beal was born September 15, 1919, in Jewett, Texas, to Wade and Susan Ellis. She grew up in Jewett and was known as the girl who climbed to the top of the water tower when she was just 12 years old. She graduated from Jewett High School as salutatorian in 1936, where she played tennis and participated in the Texas State tournament for this sport.

In 1937, Burma graduated from the Austin Beauty School. Just a year later, she married Oren Beal. Together, they would have 3 children, 6 grandchildren, and 12 great-grandchildren.

After moving to Bryan, Texas, Burma owned and operated Burma's Beauty Shop for 46 years. In that time, she forged many strong friendships. Burma was deeply involved in her community and her church, Central Church in Bryan-College Station.

Burma and Oren also loved supporting the Texas A&M Aggies and were season ticket holders for football and basketball games for more than 35 years.

Through their church, Burma and Oren took part in the Adoptive Grandparent Program, in which they befriended students at Texas A&M. They formed such a strong bond with one young Aggie that she asked Burma and Oren to be a bridesmaid and groomsman in her wedding.

Burma is well-known among her loved ones for two things: her love for Coca-Cola and her world-famous peanut brittle. She has collected many pieces

of Coca-Cola memorabilia and still drinks a Coke every day. Also, every year, from October until Christmas, Burma is known for making delicious peanut brittle to give to friends and family, as well as her doctor, the postman, the staff at her HEB store, bankers, pharmacists, and many more. Her recipe is so good that, when her son-in-law took it to the Texas State Fair, it won third prize.

Burma has a giving spirit and aspires to bring joy to others. During her nineties, she made regular trips to nursing homes to visit with their residents and went grocery shopping for a homebound neighbor. Even now, as a resident of Crestview Retirement Home in Bryan, she spreads cheer to her friends. She prays for a long list of people every night and spends her time showing Jesus' love to others.

Mr. Speaker, Burma Beal has lived a long life filled with love, joy, and service to others. I am proud to recognize her on this joyous occasion, and I know that her family and friends love her and are proud of her. I wish Burma many more years of health and happiness.

I have requested that a United States flag be flown over our Nation's Capitol to recognize Burma Beal's 100th birthday.

As I close today, I urge all Americans to continue to pray for our country, for our veterans, for our military men and women who protect us, and for our first responders who keep us safe at home.

HONORING SERGEANT MAJOR JAMES SARTOR

Mr. FLORES. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Sergeant Major James Gregory "Ryan" Sartor of Teague, Texas.

Sergeant Major Sartor was killed on July 13, 2019, after he sustained injuries from enemy fire in Faryab province, Afghanistan.

Sergeant Major Sartor was born September 23, 1978, in Teague, Texas, to James Sartor and Mary Teresa "Terri" Pryor. He was an excellent football player and graduated from Teague High School in 1997.

After graduation, he moved to College Station to work, where, in the fall of 2000, he met the love of his life and future spouse, Deanna Unger. They married in 2002 and were blessed with three children: Stryder, Grace, and Garrett.

Shortly after Sergeant Major Sartor and Deanna started dating, he joined the United States Army. He was deployed to Iraq for the first time in 2002 as an infantryman assigned to the 3rd Infantry Division. In 2005, Sergeant Major Sartor became a Green Beret and was assigned to A Company, 2nd Battalion, 10th Special Forces Group, Airborne, in Fort Carson, Colorado. He was stationed there with his family for the last 14 years.

During his career, Sergeant Major Sartor was deployed several times, returning to Iraq in 2006, 2007, 2009, and from 2010 to 2011. He also deployed to Germany and Israel in 2008, to Africa in